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KEY TAG.

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Fig. 1.

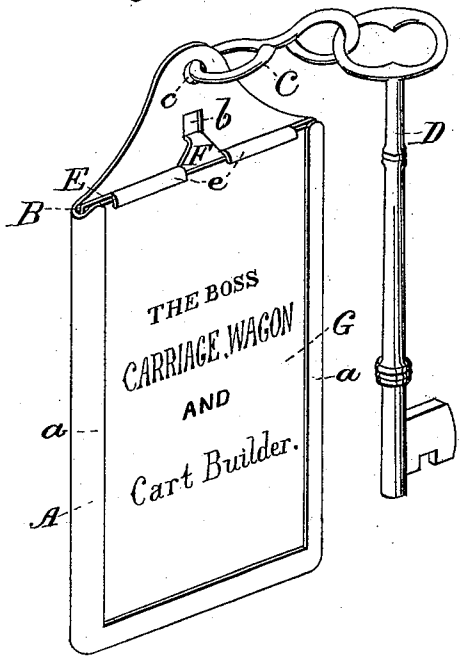


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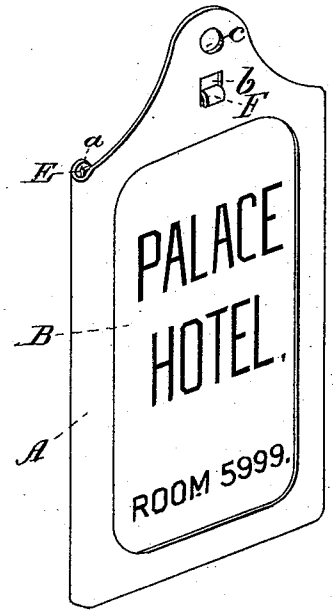


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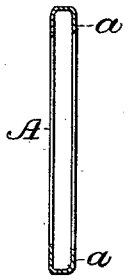


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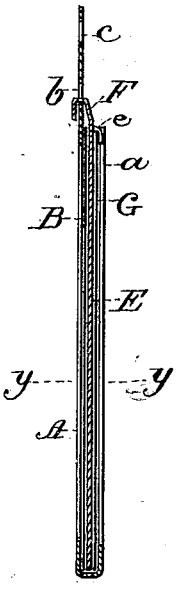
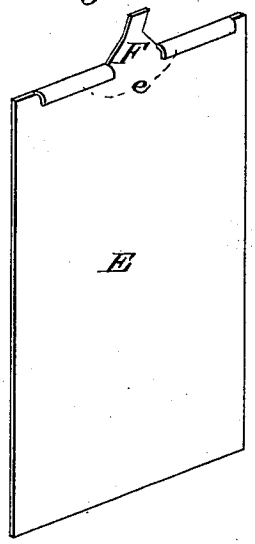


Fig. 5.



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KEY-TAG.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANK A. KNOX, of Woodland, county of Yolo, and State of California, have invented an Improvement in Key-Tags; and I hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description thereof.

My invention relates to a new and useful key-tag for use in hotels, boarding and lodging houses, and in other public places—such as bath-houses, &c.—where the keys are constantly used by the general public.

My invention consists in a double tag so combined and arranged that one side shall carry one advertising-card and the other side the other card, and when fitted together shall present said cards on the obverse and reverse sides.

It consists, also, in the means for securing the two parts together, all of which I shall hereinafter fully describe.

The object of my invention is to provide a key-tag suitable for containing cards or other printed matter for advertising purposes in hotels, boarding houses, and other public places.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a view of one side of my key-tag. Fig. 2 is a view of the opposite side. Fig. 3 is a horizontal section of plate A on line *y y*, Fig. 4, with the cards B and G and the plate E removed. Fig. 4 is a vertical section of the tag. Fig. 5 is a view of the plate E.

A is a plate of suitable size and shape, either ornamental or plain, having an open center. On one side of this plate its edges are turned over to form flanged guides *a* on the two side edges and the bottom, though not at the top, which is left plain for the purpose of inserting a card, B. This card fits down within the guides *a*, and its inscription, of whatever character, is exhibited through the open center of the plate upon the obverse side of the tag. (See Fig. 2.) The head of this plate is provided with a hole, *b*, and another, *c*, above it, in which is fitted the link C, which connects the key D to the tag. (See Fig. 1.)

E is another plate, of dimensions suitable to fit within the guides of the plate A. Its upper edge is turned over to form guides *e* on each side of the center, which projects to form flexible tongue F. (See Fig. 5.) A second card, G, is placed upon the outer face of plate E, fitting its upper edge under its guides *e*. The plate E, with its card G, is fitted down into the guides *a* of plate A until the tongue F is in such relation to the hole *b* as to be bent back and through said hole, whereby said plate E is secured in place. (See Figs. 1 and 2.) The second card shows its inscription on the reverse side of the tag, and is held in place by the guides *a* of the plate A and by the guides *e* of the plate E. (See Fig. 1.) By forcing the tongue F out of connection with plate A, the plate E may be taken out, when one or both cards may be removed or others substituted. The plate E intervening between the two cards gives a solid center, so that neither card is liable to be injured by tearing or having a hole punched through it.

The cards may bear any desirable inscription, though when the tag is used for hotel or boarding-house keys, I would prefer placing the card of the establishment upon one side and that of some business-house or person or persons desiring such advertisement upon the other side.

The connection between the key and the tag may be made in such manner by the link that one side of the tag may have a tendency to turn face outward when the key is in any certain position, as when in the lock and the door fastened on the inside, in which case I would put the business-card on that face of the tag which would be outward, in order that the roomer might have it in full view.

I am aware that key-tags are well known, and that baggage-tags and tags of other descriptions adapted to receive cards have been used. I do not claim such, broadly; but

What I do claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. In a tag, the plate A, having an open center and guides *a* on its side edges, adapted to receive a card, the inscription of which may be exhibited through its open center on its outer side, in combination with the plate E, adapted to fit within the guides *a* of plate A, and to hold a second card between itself and said guides, whose inscription is exhibited on the opposite side of the tag, substantially as herein described.

2. In a tag, the plate A, having an open center and guides *a* on its side edges, adapted to receive a card, in combination with the plate E, having the top guides, *e*, said plate being

adapted to fit within the guides *a* of plate A, and to receive a card on its outer side, under its guides *e*, and hold it between itself and said guides, substantially as herein described.

3. In a tag, the plate A, having an open center and guides *a* on its side edges, adapted to receive a card, in combination with the plate E, having top guides, *e*, and a tongue, F, adapted to fit through a hole, *b*, in the head of plate A, whereby said plate is secured, said plate being fitted within the guides *a*, and adapted to receive a card on its outer side, under its guides *e*, and hold it between itself and said guides, substantially as herein described.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand.

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